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VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Statewide veterans group honors Southern Utes

By Ace Stryker
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Veterans Association was honored on Sunday, April 7 with a Distinguished Veterans Service Organization award, the only one granted at this year's United Veterans Committee of Colorado awards banquet in Denver.

The award celebrates the group for its "dedicated service to the Colorado veterans."

"Since 1986, when three Vietnam veterans discussed Southern Ute veteran issues, you have consistently grown in assessing veteran needs and achieving positive corrective actions. The actions were so worthy as to earn formal tribal recognition in 1995," the award certificate states. "In addition to assisting veterans, you are active in many community functions providing services and color guards at no cost. Your service is a great credit to the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council and to your state and nation."

Present for the banquet — the committee's 41st annual — at the Renaissance Denver Hotel were Howard D. Richards Sr., a Southern Ute Indian Tribal councilman and founding member



Ace Stryker/SU Drum

Members of the Southern Ute Veterans Association and Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council attended on Sunday, April 7 the United Veterans Committee of Colorado's 41st annual awards banquet, where the association received a Distinguished Veterans Service Organization award. Present at the ceremony were (left to right) Larry Tucker, the association's secretary/treasurer; Aaron V. Torres, council member; Howard D. Richards Sr., council member and founding member and former commander of the association; Rudley Weaver; Ronnie Baker, former commander; Rod Grove, temporary commander; and Pete Gomez, a former probation officer for the Southern Ute Tribal Court.

and former commander of the Southern Ute association; Rod Grove, temporary commander; Larry Tucker, secretary/treasurer; Ronnie Baker, former commander; Rudley Weaver; and Councilman Aaron V. Torres.

"I was kind of surprised," Grove said. "It was finally a recognition by the people in the

state that they acknowledged us for what we have done."

Grove said the committee actually invited the association to receive the award last year, but some members of the association couldn't make the banquet — so it was rescheduled for this year.

"It was a long time coming," he said, adding that the

committee also recognized the group for its service outside the tribe, as when members carry flags during events or make presentations at local schools. "We served this country like anybody else. We didn't ask for anything special. We did our duties. ... We never ran away or burned our draft cards."

YOUR HEALTH

Health Dept. shares vision for future at general meeting

By Ace Stryker
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Following years of discussion and months of intensive study, the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council is preparing to move forward on health care reform for tribal members.

The health care challenges facing tribal members were front and center during the tribe's general meeting Thursday, April 11. Kaylor Shemberger, the new director of the Tribal Health Department, kicked off the meeting by outlining those challenges and what his department is doing to address them.

"We're moving away from the [U.S. Indian Health Service] model that has been in place here on the reservation for many years," he said.

The tribe assumed oversight of tribal-member health services from the IHS in October 2009 but has since faced transitional challenges and increasing demand, prompting the council to examine ways to render better service.

"We've had to learn a lot of new systems. Everything under the former IHS relationship was well-organized

... and well-controlled," Shemberger said. "This requires us to establish new policies, new procedures."

Shemberger introduced the concept of the Southern Ute Health Center as a "medical home," an all-purpose first stop for treatment or referrals to outside help.

Patient visits have increased at a rate greater than 5 percent each year for the past few years, Shemberger said. Adding traffic without expanding space has increased wait times — a key metric he and the council are working to improve, he said.

"It is really not possible for us to take on more patients in the space we now occupy," Shemberger said. "The facility was built back in the '70s, and in many respects is starting to show its age."

The Tribal Health Department is looking at relocating some services outside of the clinic to free up space inside. The clinic now has four exam rooms, but will gain at least three more by the end of the year, Shemberger said. Another long-term goal is to expand its hours — currently 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, closing

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Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Amya Bison (14) and Tristan Boone (6) try shielding the ball away from Ridgway's Alma Johnson (2) and Emily Mandaville (4) during SWL play Saturday, April 13 at IHS Field.

IHS SOCCER

Lady Cats make Demons sweat

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

With her teammates, fans, and especially coaches roaring their loudest so far in 2013, forward Amya Bison was clearly loaded and locked.

She was ready to pull the trigger, too; she just couldn't find the danged thing.

"It got my adrenaline going," she said, "and I just kept pushing, kept pushing ... until I got there."

But despite the fact that the Lady Bobcats' best offensive rush ended without a shot, the buzz generated in the 42nd minute of soccer at IHS Field on Saturday, April 13 was noticeable long after it ended. Someone other than Center might



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Sierra Cuthair (20) deflects a pass forward by Ridgway's Sarah Pankow (8) during SWL play Saturday, April 13 at IHS Field.

be burned by Ignacio for a goal this season.

But Ridgway decided it wouldn't be them, with speedy junior Scarlet Holvenstot scoring in the 63rd and 65th, and classmate

Grace Benasutti marking in the 69th to enact the 10-goal mercy rule.

Boss Oscar Cosio was not pleased about that, hav-

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YOUTH IN MOTION

Young Utes get golf lessons from Native pro

By Melinda Englert
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF THE SUIT

Forty youth from Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute tribes and the Ignacio community got together to work on pitching, chipping, full-swing and putting skills April 1-5 at the Spring Break Golf Clinic, a program of the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the Sun-Ute Community Center's Spring Break Golf Clinic.

Youth ages 8-18 convened at Hillcrest Golf Course for the weeklong clinic, which culminated in a skills challenge and a nine-hole match for several older participants. Club member Ocean Hunter won first place in the skills challenge.

Native American PGA Tour player Steve McDonald and his team of golf instruction professionals Juan Elizondo, Emily McDonald, and Nolan Pahmahmie taught not only golf fundamentals but also life skills, such as self belief, responsibility, honesty and perseverance.

Collaboration between the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and SunUte Community



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Emily McDonald gives instruction on Wednesday, April 3 to a group of aspiring young golfers during the weeklong Spring Break Golf Clinic of the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe at Hillcrest Golf Course in Durango.

Center with funding from the National Congress of American Indians made the clinic, as well as the healthy

meals and snacks served all week, possible.

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SOUTHERN UTE GROWTH FUND
Tribal Membership Meeting

Sky Ute Casino Resort • Events Center
May 16, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Lunch will be served



COUNCIL CORNER

GoodTracks looks back on first year

By Beth Santistevan
SU TRIBAL COUNCIL

Council Lady Pathimi GoodTracks has one year under her belt as a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council, and she’s learned a thing or two that no amount of other job experience or schooling could teach.

Before being elected to the council in 2011, GoodTracks worked in various departments for the Southern Ute Tribe for more than 20 years: She has served as the Cultural Department developer, Animas-La Plata Project cultural coordinator, acting Department of Natural Resources director, Lands Division head, lands technician and air quality technician.

Her work experience goes back as far as being a bingo caller at Sky Ute Bingo and a front desk reception/switchboard operator at the old Tribal Affairs Building. Her past employment is where she learned the most about the tribe, she said.

“I learned from every one of those job experiences,” she said, “about the work environment, how people behaved, and about the tribe.”

Working hands-on with projects and collaborating to produce a final product for the benefit of the tribe was one of the daily activities she encountered working in a regular work environment. But being elected to the council was a big change from working a Monday-through-Friday job.

“As a council member, you’re not working hands-on to produce the final project, and that was difficult to adjust to,” she said. “I had to make a conscious effort not to inject myself in the day-to-day or get into the trenches with the staff.”

GoodTracks said the council is the determining body of that final product or outcome and the administration and staff work together to achieve the outcome with the directive from Tribal Council.

“When the council recognizes staff is off course, staff gets informed to make adjustments,” she said. “Some-



times, you want to jump in and do it for staff; however, as a council member, you’ve got to let staff do the work so they learn and it becomes common practice for them.”

What makes a difference and what is of value is the people to whom the culture belongs [is for them to] actually participate and engage in it.

GoodTracks is passionate about preserving the culture of the Southern Ute Tribe, including efforts at the state and federal levels. She is actively engaged in bringing the issues of the Southern Ute tribal membership to Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper and is engaged in the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs.

“We all need to realize the United States recognizes the tribe based largely on its unique culture,” she said. “When too few tribal members understand or participate in cultural activities, then the tribe will be seen as having lost that cultural uniqueness.”

GoodTracks said that would be devastating to the tribe.

“It won’t make a difference if all the information is preserved in writing or other media. What makes a difference and what is of value is the people to whom the culture belongs [is for them to]

actually participate and engage in it,” she said.

GoodTracks said she’s most proud of the work the council has achieved as a group rather than the fruits of her own labor. She is proud of the way the council is able to work together and make the best decisions for the membership.

In the first meetings she attended as a council lady, she noticed the various ways tribal departments approached the council.

“Some meetings were simply restating sound bites and applying verbal pressure to get others to bend to the outcome they wanted, while others explained the reasons behind a particular perspective and how it addressed the goals of the tribe and met the interests of all tribal members,” she said.

The council has taken a path toward meaningful discussion of current challenges and the decisions that must be made, she said.

“Consideration and discussion is more comprehensive and complete,” she said. “The use of discussion as an opportunity to lobby and assert pressure on fellow council members to take a certain action still occurs, but it’s much less frequent.”

GoodTracks urged tribal members young and old to be leaders. It’s not important to be an expert on every subject, she said, but knowledge of foundational concepts and how they apply to the tribe is essential.

Learning about the history of the tribe and the Ute traditional culture was at the top of her list of steps to becoming a successful leader.

“Learn everything you can about the tribe. Work in the organization, go to the programs and functions it holds for the tribal membership,” she said. “Learn the basic concepts of finance, resource management, environmental practices, energy development, and investing and human resource development. And finally remember there is a big difference between being a leader and being a politician, and Tribal Council is a leadership position.”

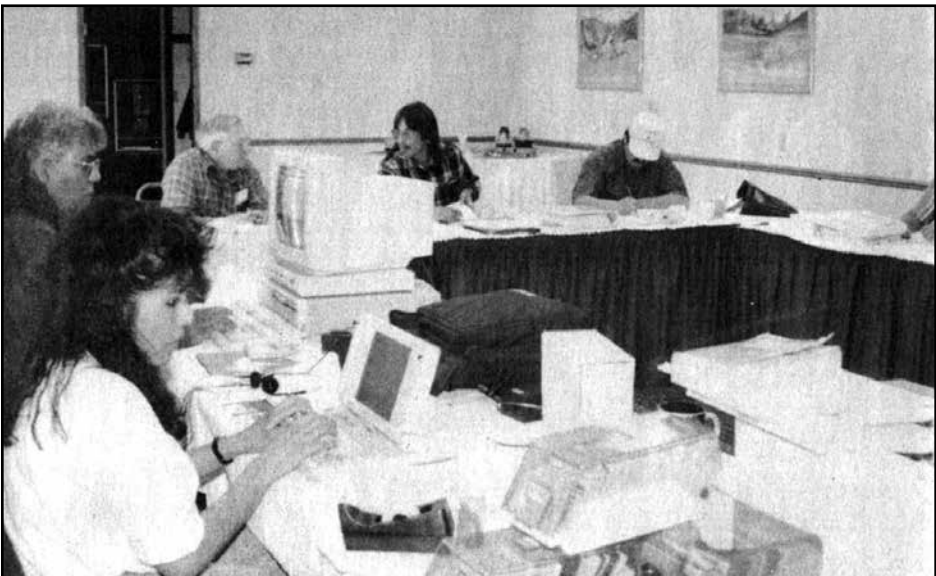


courtesy Environmental Programs

10 years ago

The Southern Ute Environmental Programs Division hosted its annual Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Collection Event in the dirt parking lot south of the Sky Ute Casino Pavilion.

This photo first appeared in the April 18, 2003, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



C. Naranjo/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Pictured are Natural Resource Division settlement fund proposal writers (left to right) Rebecca Rael, Eddie Box Jr., George Knoll, Mike Olguin, Lester Lansing, Wayne Wood and John Washington.

This photo first appeared in the April 16, 1993, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

At the Ignacio School District’s Meet the Candidates Night, each candidate gave their views for the upcoming School Board election. Pictured (left to right) are Donald Heaney, Hank Howell, Dottie Brown, Russell Lee and Jack Riddle.

This photo first appeared in the April 22, 1983, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

NEWS IN BRIEF

MIS CONDUCTING INFORMATION SESSION

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Management Information Systems Department is conducting an information session for tribal members who may be interested in careers working with computers and other information technology for the tribal government. The session will be held on Thursday, April 25 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Management Information Systems Training Center on the second floor of the Leonard C. Burch Building in Ignacio. Please call us at 970-563-0128 if you have any questions.

SOFTBALL FIELDS AVAILABLE

The softball fields by the Multi-purpose Facility are available free of charge for use by tribal members. Reserve a field by calling the SunUte front desk. There is a \$20-per-hour fee to use the lights. The gates remain locked when the fields are not reserved to prevent unauthorized use and preserve the quality of the fields.

AGRICULTURE LAND MANAGERS

The Water Quality Program for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is now accepting applications for the 2013 Cost-share Program. The Cost-share Program is aimed at land managers living within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation on the Animas, Florida and Pine watersheds who are interested in implementing Best Management Practices (BMPs) for more efficient irrigation and/or riparian protection/improvements. The

majority of costs are covered by the tribe through conservation agreements in which BMPs such as surface gated pipe, underground pipe and inlet structures, or riparian fencing are implemented. Such BMPs limit return flows from irrigated land and restore/protect critical riparian zones, thus decreasing erosion and other pollutants into our local watersheds. Call project coordinator Pete Nylander at 970-563-0135 for more information.

WOOD YARD ENDING FIREWOOD SEASON

Attention Southern Ute tribal membership: The Woodyard will be ending its season for firewood use. The official last day is April 30 for this season.

FREE BISON MEAT AVAILABLE TO TRIBAL MEMBERS

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Division of Wildlife Resource Management maintains a small herd of bison for the Tribe’s ceremonial, cultural and dietary needs. As a service to the tribal membership, the division makes available bison meat to enrolled Southern Ute tribal members free of charge. Tribal bison are grass-fed at low herd density and are free of artificial hormones and other synthetic chemicals. Bison meat is naturally low in cholesterol and an excellent, healthy alternative to beef. If you are an enrolled Southern Ute tribal member interested in obtaining bison meat for personal use, call the Division of Wildlife at 970-563-0130. Quantities and cuts of meat available may be limited.

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2ND TRIBAL MEMBER PRESENTATION

HEALTH CLINIC/WELLNESS CENTER

PROGRAM REFINEMENT AND COST STUDY
BY: DYRON MURPHY ARCHITECTS

MAY 15, 2013
Sky Ute Casino & Resort

BONNIE KENT ROOM
6:30 – 8:30 P.M.

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Health Care for Tribal Members



GENERAL MEETING • FROM PAGE 1

for the lunch hour — to include longer weekdays and some weekend time.

“We’re doing everything we can do expand our services, improve our services, and meet the expectations of the tribal membership,” Shemberger said.

Other recent changes in the Tribal Health Department include upgrading to digital X-rays for dental services, signing a national agreement with Walmart for tribal-member optical care, and renegotiating the rates the tribe pays for health care outside the clinic to “Medicare-like rates,” Shemberger said.

Looking forward, Shemberger said the focus is now on improving customer service, seeking greater grant funding, fixing administrative and leadership issues — including the hiring of a chief medical officer to oversee clinical operations — and billing for services in-house rather than hiring a third party to do it.

Additional long-term goals include expanding services in urgent care, podiatry, dentistry, optometry, behavioral health and health care for veterans, Shemberger said.

HEALTH CARE CONSULTANT’S REPORT

Next on the agenda was Scott McIntyre of Rural Healthcare Connections, a Kansas-based consulting firm. Over the past few months, the Tribal Council has tasked McIntyre with evaluating options for providing health insurance-like benefits to all tribal members.

McIntyre began with the numbers: 63 percent of tribal members live on or near the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and have access to Tribal Health Department resources, including the clinic. The remainder — 37 percent — do not.

“If you don’t have access, you don’t have care,” McIntyre said. “If you’re out in the middle of Missouri, you don’t have the ability to go to a tribal health facility for care.”

On average, the tribe’s spending on tribal-member health resources has increased 19 percent per year since 2007. The lion’s share of that — nearly 80 percent — has gone to pay for medical care, while the rest has paid for a combination of Medicare premiums, medications, dental and vision care, he said.

McIntyre said that to provide tribal members with benefits comparable to what tribal employees receive through their Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield insurance plans — including, critically, an insurance card to present during appointments — the tribe has several options.

It could purchase a private policy for each tribal member, shop for a plan through the Colorado Health Benefit Exchange, or offer a combination of improved Tribal Health Department services and a “contract network” that would cover tribal members for care received outside the clinic.

In each case, the benefits would be twofold: Each would offer tribal members more options for health care while reducing the tribe’s payouts to providers. But the costs could vary widely, McIntyre said.

Purchasing a standard policy for each tribal member would represent a cost increase of 47 percent over the way things are done now, according to McIntyre’s projections. Purchasing coverage through the state exchange would still cost 42 percent more, he said.

His recommendation: Improve the processes and services at the Southern Ute Health Clinic and purchase a contract network for outside care. The projected cost of such a move is roughly on par with the tribe is already paying, he said.

Under such a plan, the Tribal Health Department would act as administrator, offer primary care, and coordinate enrollment in the contract network. Tribal members would receive a benefit card and receive coverage similar to the employee plan, with similar co-pays and deductibles.

OTHER UPDATES

In his welcome address, Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr. outlined several other items of high importance to the council. Near the top of the list is making changes to the Human Resources Department to maximize tribal-member employment. The council is also seeking a Southern Ute tribal member or other Native American for the top job at the Southern Ute Police Department.

With respect to ongoing concerns with the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs’ Southern Ute Agency, Newton

said Vice Chairman James M. Olguin has begun meeting with officials weekly to resolve delays in paperwork processing and other issues.

Newton said the council has been working since the beginning of the year on organizing its priority list — a tall order that includes numbering more than 300 items, he said.

In an update on the Sky Ute Casino Resort, Acting General Manager Charley Flagg said he’s “taking a two-pronged approach to trying to turn the financial situation of the casino around,” including growing revenues and cutting expenses.

To improve revenues, the casino is replacing the Aspen Room, its flagship restaurant, with new venues. The Willows Café & Bistro and Willows Baja Grill opened to the public on Monday, April 15 and offer a casual dining experience. Seven Rivers Steaks, Seafood & Spirits — an upscale venue — will open May 3, he said.

The casino will host a special tasting for tribal members on Tuesday, April 30. Invitations are being sent out.

“We’ll have samples of all the things that will be on the menu ... so the tribal membership can come to that and get an idea of what we’re trying to accomplish,” Flagg said.

The casino has also added free valet service and is updating some of its older slot machines and introducing high-limit machines in a special area. As part of a strategy to increase hit frequency and improve the perception of loose slots, the casino will be reducing the number of machines overall, he said.

Another new feature is “Fridays on the Floor,” which features dinner and dancing to live music every Friday in the Events Center.

In an update from the Executive Office, Executive Officer Steven R. Herrera Sr. said he’s been working to increase collaboration between departments and resolve concerns at the Tribal Court. Co-executive Officer Amy Barry shared numbers on tribal-member employment: Up from 128 in 2011 to 188 today, thanks in part to a renewed emphasis on training and apprenticeship programs.

“It is always our goal to hire our own people,” she said. “We are doing the best that we can to ensure that we are hiring tribal members.”

THIS IS YOUR LANGUAGE

'ícha-'ara m̄ni 'apaghapi 'ura-'ay

28. Quantifiers: Many, much, few and little

By Tom Givón
UTE LANGUAGE PROGRAM

Ute quantifiers are a mixed group of words, each displaying its own structural pattern. What they have in common is their numeral-like position in front of the noun, and the contrasts subject/object and inanimate/animate. The quantifier “**many**” is constructed on the stem of “big,” (*ava-*), with suffixes that suggest a verbal origin. Consider:

- (1) a. **Subject-INAN:** *wuga-ma* 'ava'na-t̄ *t̄p̄ychi* *wachuka*
hill-LOC many-NOM/S rock/S be/IMM
'On the hill were (placed) many rocks'
b. **Object-INAN:** 'ava'na-t̄ *t̄p̄ychi* *p̄nikya-gha*
many-NOM/O rock/O see-ANT
'(s/he) saw many rocks'
c. **Subject-AN:** 'ava'na-t̄-m̄ *m̄amachi-u* *kani-naagha* 'uni'ni-kya-gha
many-NOM-PL/S women-PL house-in be-PL-ANT
'many women were in the house'
d. **Object-AN:** 'ava'na-t̄-m̄ *m̄amachi-u* *p̄nikya-gha*
many-NOM-PL/O women-PL
'(s/he) saw many women'

When the inanimate noun is a mass (indivisible) noun, the same quantifier as in (1a,b) above is used, with the meaning of “**much**” or “**lots of**”:

- (2) a. **Subject:** 'əaghap̄-naagha 'ava'na-t̄ *p̄a* *nykwi-kya*
ditch-in much-NOM/S water/S run-ANT
'a lot of water ran in the ditch'
b. **Object:** 'ava'na-t̄ *p̄a-yi* 'ivi-kya
much-NOM/O water-O drink-ANT
'(s/he) drank lots of water'

The quantifier “**few**” is derived as the negative form of “many,” as in:

- (3) a. **Subject-INAN:** *ka-'ava'na-wa-t̄* *t̄p̄ychi* *qopoqhi-kya*
NEG-many-NEG-NOM/S rock/S break-ANT
'few rocks broke'
b. **Object-INAN:** *ka-'ava'na-wa-t̄* *t̄p̄ychi* *t̄ut̄kwar̄* *p̄nikya-gha*
NEG-many-NEG-NOM/S rock/S black see-ANT
'(s/he) saw few rocks'
c. **Subject-AN:** *ka-'ava'na-wa-t̄-m̄* *m̄amachi-u* *w̄n̄-ka-gha*
NEG-many-NEG-NOM-AN/S women-PL stand-go-ANT
'few women stood up'
d. **Object-AN:** *ka-'ava'na-wa-t̄-m̄* *m̄amachi-u* *p̄nikya-gha*
NEG-many-NEG-NOM-AN/O women-PL see-ANT
'(s/he) saw few women'

The mass quantifier “**little**,” “**a bit**” is likewise derived as the negative version of “much,” as in:

- (4) a. **Subject:** 'əaghap̄-naagha *ka-'ava'na-wa-t̄* *p̄a* *nykwi-kya*
ditch-in NEG-much-NEG-NOM/S water/S run-ANT
'little water ran in the ditch'
b. **Object:** *ka-'ava'na-wa-t̄* *p̄a-yi* 'ivi-kya
NEG-much-NEG-NOM/O water-O drink-ANT
'(s/he) drank little meat'

In the next column, we will deal with the quantifiers “all” and “some.”

'w̄w̄s. toghoy-aqh

Uma Nu Apaghapi Ustii?
Would you and your family like to learn to speak Ute?
Call the Culture Department at 970-563-0100.

CULTURAL UPDATE

SEEKING BEAR DANCE FEAST VOLUNTEERS

The Culture Department is seeking volunteers for the upcoming Bear Dance Feast, which will be held Monday May 27. Need: Fry bread makers; stew cook and servers. Please contact Tara Vigil, Special Events Coordinator if you are interested at 970-563-0100 ext. 3624.

CULTURAL DEPT. SPRING EVENTS

The following are spring events hosted by the Southern Ute Cultural Department (at the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum unless otherwise noted). Meals or snacks and beverages are provided at each class. Call 970-563-0100 ext. 3620 to sign up; classes fill fast.

April

19: Elders Lunch. Noon-2 p.m. Movie TBA.
19: Growler Class with Hanley Frost. 5:30-7:30 p.m.; craft room. Limit 10.
21: Children & Families Ute Class with Crystal Ivey. 2-4 p.m.; small classroom.
24: Ute 103 with Dr. Givon, Mary Inez and Alden Naranjo. 5:30-7:30 p.m.; small classroom.

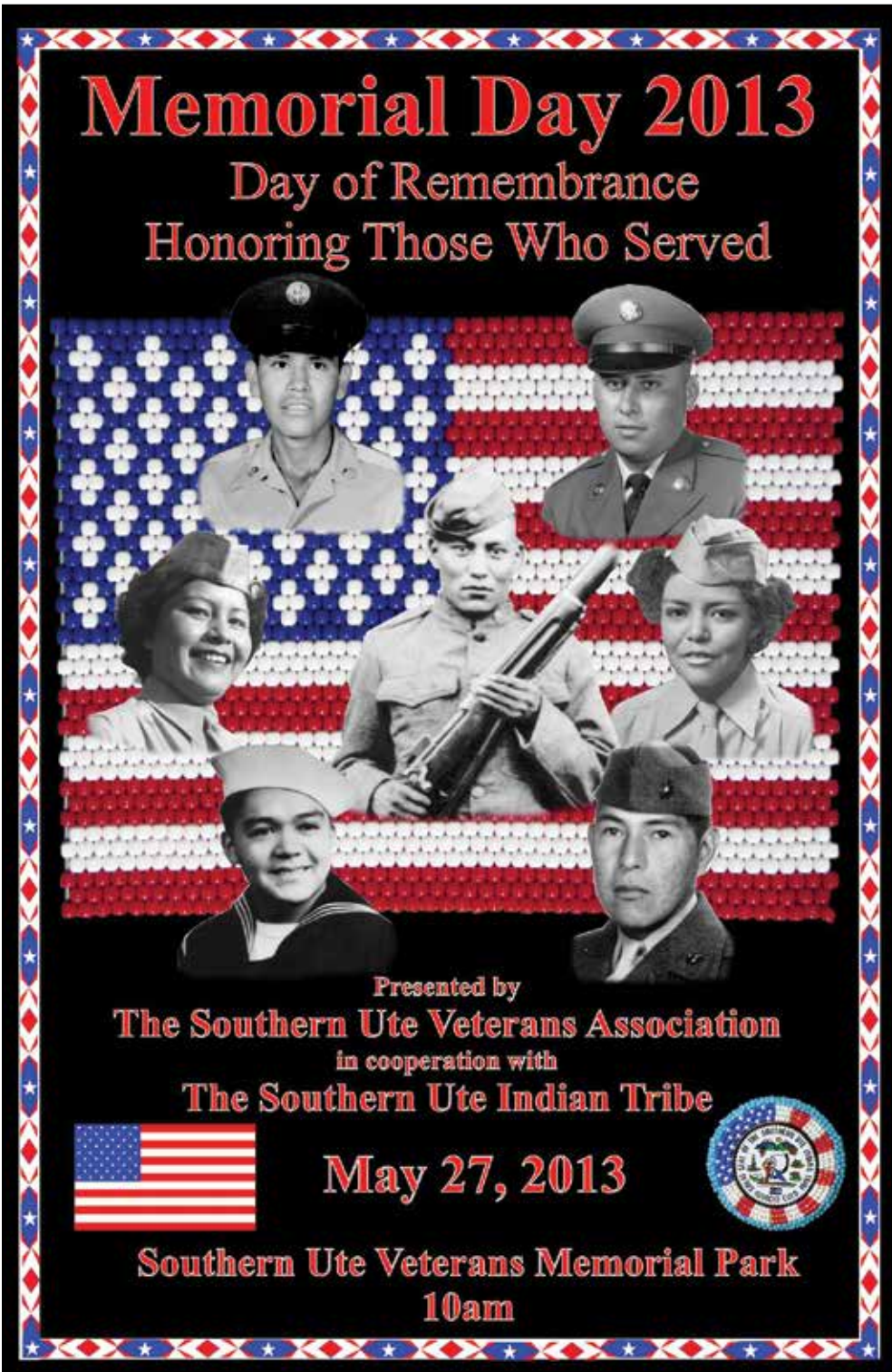
May

1, 8, 15: Ute 103 with Dr. Givon, Mary Inez and Alden Naranjo. 5:30-7:30 p.m.; small classroom.
2, 9: Shawl Making. 5:30-8:30 p.m.; small classroom. Limit eight.
5, 12: Children & Families Ute Class with

Crystal Ivey. 2-4 p.m.; small classroom.
7, 14, 16: Roach-making Class. 5:30-8 p.m.; craft room. Limit eight.
10: Elders Lunch. Noon-2 p.m. Movie TBA.
24: Ute Nation Day & Bear Dance Kickoff Lunch. Bear Dance Grounds.
24, 25: Bear Dance Powwow. Sky Ute Fairgrounds.
24-27: Southern Ute Bear Dance. Bear Dance Grounds. Chief Matthew Box. Additionally, join us every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to work on craft projects. Space will be provided in the small classroom. Please bring your supplies to work on your projects. Coming in April: A garden project led by Marge Borst.

CLOTHING PATTERNS AVAILABLE

Are you interested in making a ribbon shirt, jingle dress or pair of moccasins for the fast-approaching powwow season and upcoming Bear Dance? The Cultural Department has recently purchased patterns to make men’s plains ribbon shirts; breechclout and leggings; plains-style moccasins (adult and children); women’s tradecloth, regular cloth dress and jingle dresses; child’s ribbon shirts; and jingle dresses. Interested tribal members are encouraged to contact Marge Barry at the Cultural Department at 970-563-0100 ext. 2306, or email mbarry@southernute-nsn.gov to make arrangements to obtain the pattern of your choice.





KIDNEY CORNER

Hypertension in chronic kidney disease

By Dr. Mark Saddler
DURANGO NEPHROLOGY ASSOCIATES

Hypertension, or high blood pressure, is very common in all stages of chronic kidney disease.

It is the second-most common cause of kidney disease after diabetes and is a contributing factor in almost all cases of chronic kidney disease. So it's not surprising that tight control of blood pressure is a major priority in the care of kidney disease patients.

Blood pressure is usually expressed as two numbers: A blood pressure of 120/80 — usually expressed as “120 over 80” — is considered normal. The systolic, or higher pressure, is the arterial pressure generated by the heart when it is contracting; the diastolic, or lower pressure, is the pressure in the arteries when the heart is relaxed.

Both are important in determining cardiovascular risk, so systolic and diastolic pressures both need to be well controlled. Usually systolic is more difficult to control.

One long-running controversy concerns how low the blood pressure should be to give the kidneys the best protection. This issue has not been finally settled.

Most studies suggest that, for the most part, lower is better when it comes to blood pressure in kidney disease.



It is generally reasonable to aim for a blood pressure of 130/80 for most patients.

Some evidence suggests that patients with kidney disease should aim for lower pressures, though this is not known conclusively. Many patients with high blood pressure have increased protein in the urine. If so, lowering the blood pressure can decrease this urinary protein and the urine protein concentration can sometimes be used as an index of whether the blood pressure control is adequate.

Unfortunately, getting the blood pressure too low can sometimes cause symptoms such as weakness or lightheadedness, especially in elderly patients. Clearly, if this happens, it's usually appropriate to decrease the blood pressure medication.

A 24-hour blood pressure monitor, which can be worn by patients at home, is a useful tool to help assess blood

pressure control. In addition to providing information about the highest and lowest blood pressures for an individual patient, it also provides data regarding blood pressure at night, when a patient is sleeping, which is also an important determinant of cardiovascular risk. This type of monitor is now available in Durango.

The good news is that there are now many different blood pressure medications available, and usually blood pressure can be well controlled with minimal side effects, even in the presence of kidney disease.

Lowering blood pressure with any blood pressure medication helps to preserve kidney function. Some blood pressure medicines have special kidney preserving abilities, and these agents are usually preferred for blood pressure control in patients with chronic kidney disease.

Many patients are surprised to hear that control of blood pressure requires more than one drug; in fact, most patients need more than one medication to get good control, and it's not uncommon to need several medications taken together.

And remember: Blood pressure medicines only work well in combination with lifestyle modifications, including weight loss (when appropriate), exercise and salt restriction.



Ace Stryker/SU Drum

U.S. Attorney for the District of Colorado John Walsh (left) and Assistant U.S. Attorney James Candelaria (right) present a service award to the Southern Ute Police Department and the Victim Services Program

SOVEREIGNTY AT WORK

DOJ urges tribe to lead way on VAWA implementation

By Ace Stryker
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The U.S. Attorney for the District of Colorado invited the Southern Ute Indian Tribe in a meeting Tuesday, April 16 to take part in a pilot program for implementation of the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013.

The act grants new authority to tribes to prosecute non-Natives who assault Native spouses or partners on tribal lands. It's set to take effect March 7, 2015, but the U.S. Department of Justice is making available a pilot program for tribes who want to assume the power earlier.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe, should it be interested in participating, is “in a position to do it right,” John Walsh said.

“A lot of eyes will be focused on how these provisions are actually implemented,” he said in a meeting with the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council in the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Affairs Building. “The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is very much on the radar screen in Washington as a tribe that might be in a position [to participate].”

Walsh called the relationship between the Southern Ute Police Department and federal authorities “really a model” across Indian Country.

Several council members expressed enthusiasm for the idea, but acknowledged



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Southern Ute Vice Chairman James M. Olguin shakes hands with U.S. Attorney for the District of Colorado John Walsh following a meeting at the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building on Tuesday, April 16.

there's work to be done before the tribe is ready. Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr. said such authority would help the tribe “flex” its sovereignty and help its tribal members.

Councilman Howard D. Richards Sr. said the new law would allow the tribe to make cultural considerations a factor in how court cases are handled. He stressed the need to see more statistics regarding the number of cases the tribe might take over — and how the federal government can help pay, given that it has set aside only \$25 million in grant money for all tribes between 2014 and 2018.

“That's not a lot of money,” he said, “[but] I think it can happen very quickly and I support the council in moving forward.”

Councilman Aaron V. Torres suggested the tribe conduct a “gap analysis” to see what changes must be made before the tribe could assume the full authority of the law. Some early areas identified include how to license attorneys, how to ensure fair and representative jury pools, and how to obtain certification for the Southern Ute Detention Center.

Despite the work ahead, Assistant U.S. Attorney James Candelaria of the Durango Branch Office said the Southern Utes are closer than most to the ability to implement the law early.

“The Tribal Court system you have is like a model,” he said. “[Other tribes] are light-years away from this. ... You can be in control of that, as opposed to waiting and seeing what happens.”

Diabetes & Health Education

Winter to Spring Series

12 – 1 at Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility
(Conference Room)

Thursdays @ 12-1

Classes are Free & Family Members are Welcome

You may attend any or all of the classes – no need to enroll... just show up!

Refreshments will be served

*Participants who attend 5 out of the 8 sessions will receive a free gift after series completed

(topics may be subject to change based on attendee requests & staffing)

Shining Mountain Diabetes Program & Southern Ute Health Center

Activate your Health & Wellness

Please join us for an 8-week series on topics related to health, diabetes, pre-diabetes, and prevention! We will have a variety of health professionals to share information & answer questions.

April 25, 2013:
Physical Activity...
Moving to Stay Healthy

Please contact with questions:

Julie Olexa 563-4741 jolexa@southern-ute.nsn.us

Kim Heintzman 563-0100 ext 2342

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Ignacio parents are organizing!

La Plata Family Centers Coalition
Invites you to join us

Ignacio Parent Leaders Network

Supporting parents as leaders in our families & leaders in our community.

Get together with other Ignacio parents to talk about what's happening that impacts our families, create partnerships and take action on issues.

This meeting:

Meet representatives from the La Plata county Celebrating Healthy Communities Coalition; give feedback on new "listening" campaign for parents.

JOIN US

Every 3rd Friday @ the Patio

NEXT MEETING

Friday, April 19th

12:00 - 1:30 PM

For more information call 970-385-4747

La Plata Family Centers Coalition
Building healthy communities, one family at a time.

Bayfield Ignacio Durango Fort Lewis Mesa

HEALTH UPDATE

FOSTER CARE/KINSHIP TRAINING, RECRUITMENT & LICENSING

The Southern Ute Social Services Division is seeking Foster Care/Kinship families within the Southern Ute Tribe and other Native American families who are interested providing a home for a youth that is in need of placement. A foster care parent is not a lifetime commitment to a child, but a commitment to be meaningful to a child's life. Be the one to make a difference in a child's life by providing a positive environment and safe place for our Tribal children when they are faced with life challenges. Being a foster family means helping families overcome their challenges and move toward reunification for family. Remember our children are our future generation, if we as foster parents can support children and their families we have made a difference in their lives. Contact Kathryn Jacket, Foster Care Coordinator at 970-563-0209 ext. 2328, Southern Ute Indian Division of Social Services, 116 Capote Drive, Ignacio, Colorado 81137.

PREVENT COLON CANCER

All Native Americans are two times more likely to be diagnosed with late stage Colon rectal cancer than early stage Colon rectal cancer. Finding and removing polyps before they progress to cancer can prevent Colon cancer. The American

Cancer Society suggest adults, age 50 or older get one of these tests: A fecal occult blood test (FOBT- a stool test) every year, or Colonoscopy every 10 years. Call the Southern Ute Health Center to discuss what screening test is best for you. Funding programs available: Medicare, Medicaid and most insurance companies pay for colon cancer screening. You may be able to have a free colon test through the Colorado Colorectal Screening Program. Please contact Susan Turner, at the Southern Ute Health Center 970-563-4581 ext. 2363 to see if you qualify! Appointments for Colonoscopy will be at Digestive Health Center in Durango, Colo.

HOST A MAMMOGRAM PARTY

All Tribal and or Native American women are eligible to participate. Medical insurance is required at the time of your appointments. Invite two friends and I will schedule a mammogram appointment at Mercy Hospital for your party - women 50 and above, or if recommended by your provider for an earlier screening. Health Services will provide transportation and lunch - Digs Restaurant in the Three Springs area. For more information call Gloria Casias-Mounts, Community Health Representative Heath Service Division at 970-563-0154 ext. 2347.



Bobcats of the month



photos Ignacio Elementary School

These Ignacio Elementary School students were honored as Bobcats of the month for their helpfulness, attitude in class and willingness to learn:

(Top row) Sara Chackee, Syraya Coyote, Sequoia Cunningham, (middle row) Ezekiel Howell, Xavier McCray, David Tallbird, (bottom row) Julian White.

21st-century testing



Ace Stryker/SU Drum

Donna Broad (top), Adult Education Program manager for the Southern Ute Education Department, and GED Chief Examiner Melanie Baldwin display new technology that allows the department to offer computerized GED testing on Wednesday, April 10 — just before the first-ever test taker begins. The department is now an official Pearson VUE Test Center, meaning it can offer tests for everything from IT certifications to graduate school admissions.

EXPLORERS CLUB YARD SALE

SATURDAY, MAY 30

Ignacio Elementary Explorers Club will be hosting a huge yard sale in their parking lot. You can rent space for \$15 all the profits you receive from your sales are yours. Start cleaning out your closets, sheds, basements, and storage units. If you would like to reserve a space call Deb Otten at 970-563-0675 ext. 345.



SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AND RETURNING STUDENTS

HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

DEADLINE: JULY 1, 2013

ONLY COMPLETED APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED, IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE OR HAVE QUESTIONS IN COMPLETING AN APPLICATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

970-563-0237 330 BURNS AVE., IGNACIO, CO

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL



SOUTHERN UTE HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION MEETING

FRIDAY, MAY 3RD & JUNE 11TH
5:30 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

EDUCATION BLDG - 330 BURNS AVE.
(970) 563-0237

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED
YOUR ATTENDANCE IS ENCOURAGED

EDUCATION UPDATE

SENIOR BANQUET TO HONOR GRADUATING SENIORS

To all the Southern Ute Tribal students that are currently 2013 graduating Seniors, call or email Ellen S. Baker at 970-563-0237 ext. 2793 or email esbaker@southernute.nsn.gov to let her know so an invitation will be send out to you. The Southern Ute Education Department will be holding a banquet to honor the 2013 graduating senior's students.

ROASTED CHICKEN CLASS

The cooking class will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Higher Education building on April 20. Buying roasted chicken in the store can be boring, but can be made into delicious family meals. We will make enchiladas and chicken salad with summertime homemade lemonade.

SCRAPBOOKING CLASS

The Scrapbooking Class will start at 12:30 pm students will learn to use scrapbooking equipment for cards. They will also learn a fun craft technique to make Mother's Day cards or other cards in scrapbooks, or photo albums. Class will be Saturday, April 20 at the Education Building, 330 Burns Ave. Call Luana Herrera at 970-563-0237 to sign for the class or if you have any questions.

HIGHER ED. SCHOLARSHIPS

Southern Ute tribal high school seniors and returning students: Deadline is July 1. Only completed applications will be considered. If you need assistance or have questions in completing an application, contact the Education Department at 970-563-0237 or 330 Burns Ave. in Ignacio.

SIX MONTHS EDUCATION INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The Southern Ute Adult Occupational Training Program is accepting applications for tribal members who are interested in working for six months as an intern. Call Luana Herrera at the Southern Ute Education Department at 970-563-0237.

ADULT OCCUPATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM, TAKING APPLICATIONS

The Southern Ute Adult Occupational Training Program is now accepting applications on a first-come-first-served basis. There are 15 scholarships available at this time. The scholarships are for tribal members who are interested in attending a vocational training school (non-profit) or a junior college with a certificate program. In order for students to attend any school, it has to be an accredited and approved by the Council of Higher Education Accreditation. There is no deadline for the certificate program, since some vocational training schools are year round. If you are interested in applying for a scholarship, call Luana Herrera at 970-563-0237.

GED TEST DATES

The Department of Education would like to announce the GED test dates for the upcoming months: May 3, June 7, and July 12. The test is held at the Southern Ute Education Building at 330 Burns Ave. Registration and payments are due by Tuesday before the test. Scholarships are available for Native Americans who live within 50 miles of the service area, spend 12 hours in class, score a 450 on practice tests and submit paperwork two weeks in advance. For more information, call Pine River Community Learning Center at 970-563-0681 or Donna Broad at 970-563-0237 or 970-749-1953. Computer based GED testing is available through Pearson Vue Testing. Register, pay and schedule at www.GEDcomputer.com. The test must be taken at The Southern Ute Education Center. Call (970) 759-1953 for details. **The GED test will be changing January 2014. All previous test scores will expire and students will need to retake all 5 sections. It is important that students complete all 5 sections of their GED before the January 2014 date.** Also, the Education Department has an online GED Academy classroom that is available for at home GED test preparation. Please call Donna Broad at 970-563-0237 ext. 2784 or 970-749-1953 for passwords. There is a minimum time requirement each week to be allowed to use this program.

Save the Dates!

June 10-14: Youth in Action Summer Trip: Ages 9-12, Crow Canyon (2-4) days Leadership Trip ages 13-18 Crow Canyon (week long summer camp)

June 17-21: SYIAP: Grades k-1: Weekly activities

June: 24-28: SYIAP: grades 2-4 Weekly activities

July 8-12: SYIAP: Boys, grades 3-5: Weekly activities

July 22-26: SYIAP: Girls, grades 3-5: Weekly activities
Grades 7-12 Explore Colorado Trip, Western State University

July 29-31: SYIAP: Boys & Girls, grades k-6: STEM trip, Los Alamos National Laboratory

Aug. 4-7: SYIAP: Tri-Ute Leadership Conference: ages 13-19, 4 day trip, Orem Utah

Aug 17: Native American Parent Conference: Fort Lewis College



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Attention Southern Ute Tribal Members

Summer 2013 Programs

Sponsored by the Southern Ute Department of Education

EXPLORE, LEARN, AND HAVE FUN!

Join us for lots of summer action and fun through our Summer Youth in Action Program (SYIAP), Leadership, and Exploring Colorado. Look for Drum ads and mailings as these events get closer.



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Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Juan Elizondo gives putting instruction to a group of club members. Students rotated between the professional instructors throughout the day, getting hands-on practice with each.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

One-on-one advice was available for the young golfers during the weeklong clinic.

Golfing the high course

The Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe hosted a Spring Break Golf Clinic April 1-5 at the Hillcrest Golf Course in Durango. Native American PGA Tour player Steve McDonald led the clinic, which culminated in a skills challenge and a nine-hole match for older participants.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Students practiced their driving and pitching techniques.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Emily McDonald gives a warm embrace to young Sara Chakee on the green.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Native American golf pro Steve McDonald gives a high-five to a club member.




courtesy Melinda Englert/Boys & Girls Club

Kids from the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe spent a week April 1-5 at the Spring Break Golf Clinic at Hillcrest Golf Course in Durango with Steve McDonald, a Native American pro golfer.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Sie Chakee hits practice balls on Hillcrest's driving range with the La Plata Mountains shimmering with fresh snow in the distance.



Boys & Girls Club

of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe

Presents

First Workshop

Date:
April, 24th 2013

Time:
2:30pm-4:00pm

Second Workshop

Date:
May, 6th 2013

Time:
2:30pm-4:00pm

Beardance Workshop

ALL Club Members Welcome!

\$20.00

Your Child Can Make Their Own Ribbon Shirt or Shawl

For more information, please call Undsay Box at the Boys & Girls Club Office at 970-563-4753

Boys & Girls Club committee meeting

The Board of Directors of the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe meets the second Tuesday of every month from 5:30-7 p.m.
Contact Melinda Englert at 970-563-0100 ext. 2663 for more information.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Robin Duffy-Wirth applauds the lifesaving efforts of SunUte Community Center lifeguards who received recognition during the Red Cross Breakfast of Champions.

4 CORNERS NEWS

Tribal members, staff receive Red Cross Life Saver Awards

Staff report

THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Several Southern Ute tribal members and employees were among the locals honored for lifesaving actions at the American Red Cross Southwest Colorado Chapter's Breakfast of Champions Wednesday, April 3.

Tribal member Lisa Burch Frost performed CPR on grandson Ethan Rock last July after he collapsed at the Sun Dance Grounds. After receiving further care from the Southern Ute Police Department and Los Pinos Fire Department, Rock was transported by air to Children's Hospital in Aurora.

Also receiving Life Saver Awards during the organiza-



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Members of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, local law enforcement and SunUte Community Center stand with those whose lives were saved by heroic actions during the fifth annual American Red Cross Southwest Colorado Chapter's Breakfast of Champions on Wednesday, April 3 at the Durango Community Recreation Center.

tion's fifth annual breakfast were Stephanie Hoselton and Jacob Posey, lifeguards

at the SunUte Community Center, who resuscitated a swimmer in December 2012

after he nearly drowned during a military training regimen.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Lisa Burch Frost stands beside her grandson, Ethan Rock, following a recognition ceremony honoring those who worked together and helped to save his life last July.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Kristi Garnanez, Irene Burch and others from the family and community recognized the bravery of young Ethan Rock during the Breakfast of Champions.

Your mission, should you choose to accept it... is to attend MacGyverology Camp at the Durango Discovery Museum.

June 17-21, (Monday – Friday), 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Southern Ute students, ages 8 to 11 years old

Making something out of nothing...that is what this camp is about! Come use simple household materials to rig booby traps, escape from small spaces, and send messages—useful skills for future FBI and CIA agents, police officers, and fire chiefs! Students will also learn the secret value of recycling and reusing materials, as well as the advantages of working with a team to accomplish a goal.

Students will be transported to and from the Durango Discovery Museum from the Education Dept. Students will be at the Education Center at 8:15 a.m. and will return by 3:45 p.m., Monday through Friday, June 17-21.

Students must have parent/guardian permission forms filled out and returned to Ms. Dorian Romero by 5 p.m. on May 3. There are ONLY seven (7) open spots! To ensure a spot for this camp, please pick up permission forms from the Education Department, fill them out, and return to Ms. Romero as soon as possible!

Questions? Please contact Ms. Romero at 970-563-0327, ext. 2795.

This message will self-destruct on May 3.

NOMINATIONS FOR ANNUAL ELBERT J. FLOYD AWARD BEING ACCEPTED

Nominations are now being accepted for the annual Elbert J. Floyd Award. Eligibility requirements for recipients of the Elbert J. Floyd Award are:

- A member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe
- Deserving
- A student of any age, formally enrolled in an education program, at any level, or someone planning immediate enrollment in such a program
- Interested in continuing his or her education
- Interested in serving the Tribe and the community
- Approved by the Department of Education

An eligible recipient need not be living on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation at time of the nomination and need be available to return to the Tribe to receive the award in person. Any teacher, Tribal member or other interested person may submit the name of an eligible recipient for the Elbert J. Floyd Award to the Department of Education of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. **Nomination must be submitted in writing to Ellen S. Baker at the Southern Ute Education Dept. by 4 p.m. on Friday, May 17 and shall state the basis for the nomination.** For information call Ellen at 970-563-0235 ext. 2793. The selection of the recipient will be made by a committee of two members consisting of the Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Vice-Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. This annual award is in memory of Elbert J. Floyd and is presented by Mr. Floyd's children and grandchildren to a deserving Southern Ute Indian student.

SOUTHERN UTE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Attention Southern Ute Students grades 6-12

COME WITH US TO WESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY COLORADO

Leaving July 22nd and re- turning July 26th

The Southern Ute Department of Education is exploring Colorado once again. Join us as we visit Western State University in Gunnison. Learn what Western State has to offer as they integrate nature, science, technology, and art to create unforgettable experiences and workshops. Go boating, hiking, and visit the Gunnison observatory in a fun five day adventure in your home state of Colorado. Student/ Parent information meeting will be held May 15th, 5:30 @ at the Education Department.

SOUTHERN UTE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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NASA Space Camp

At the Durango Discovery Museum

Become an astronaut with us for a week! July 15-19 will be a week of fun, learning the basics about NASA. You will simulate lunar and Mars landings by applying creativity and basic physics and geometry skills to various household materials. You will also learn about the human body in space: what do astronauts eat? How does being in space for any length of time affect their muscular and skeletal systems?

Southern Ute students ages 11 to 15 years old.

July 15-19, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Students will need to meet at the Education Department by 8:15 a.m. to be transported to the Durango Discovery Museum, and will be returned to the Education Department by 3:45 p.m.

ACT NOW! There are only 7 spaces available! Have your parent/guardian pick up forms from the Education Department, sign, and return the permission forms to Mrs. Julie Stone or Ms. Dorian Romero at your school or the Education Department by 5 p.m. on May 3. If you have questions, you can reach Mrs. Stone or Ms. Romero at 970-563-0327, ext. 2795.



LOCAL SPORTS

Darryl Strawberry to speak at Fort Lewis

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Approaching the 30th anniversary of his professional debut, four-time World Series champion Darryl Strawberry will speak of his ups, downs and way-downs in baseball and life on Friday, April 19 at Fort Lewis College.

Whalen Gymnasium's doors will open at 5:45 p.m. for the free-admission event, in which Strawberry is expected to discuss his successes, trials and tribulations – including substance abuse, prison, and cancer requiring removal of vital organs – and his current outlook after experiencing it all.

His talk will precede the next day's 9 a.m. dedication of the Alpine Bank Youth Sports Complex, located off County Road 210

north of Durango's Bodo Industrial Park. All donations received at Whalen will go to benefit La Plata County Search and Rescue.

Drafted No. 1 overall in 1980 by the New York Mets out of Crenshaw (Los Angeles) High School, Strawberry reached the bigs in '83 and would earn the National League's Rookie of the Year Award after hitting 26 homers and seven triples, driving in 74 runs, despite a .257 batting average.

At the end of his 17-year career, he would aid the American League's N.Y. Yankees to World Series wins in '96, '98 and '99, but might be best remembered as being key – along with teammate Dwight Gooden – to the Mets' famed seven-game Series triumph in 1986 over the Boston Red Sox.

Strawberry's major-league

arrival on May 6, 1983, was memorable as well: a 7-4 Mets win at Shea Stadium in 13 innings over Cincinnati, in which ex-Red great George Foster smacked a walk-off, three-run homer. Strawberry went 0-for-4, but did draw two bases-on-balls to help the cause.

In 1986, Strawberry's 27-homer, 93-RBI regular-season productivity powered New York to a team-best 108-54 record and into the postseason.

After 1991, "Straw" had hit 280 homers and, at age 29, began drawing the inevitable projections to then-king Hank Aaron's iconic 755. As fans know, it ultimately took a man named Bonds to top that total, but Strawberry would still finish his stretch with an impressive 335 dingers and an even 1,000 runs batted in.

IHS BASEBALL

Baseball taking league lumps

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

After a postponement-free March, Mother Nature decided to play havoc in April.

Backing up the Bobcats' San Juan Basin League opener at Dove Creek with an Tuesday, April 9 snap snowstorm across southwest Colorado, she relented two days later – but did press both teams into playing on a neutral diamond, 4A Montezuma-Cortez's McAndrew Field at Parque de Vida.

Unfortunately for Ignacio, it was not only the sun, but the Bulldogs as well, that came out to shine. And not even a full 48 hours later, Dolores awoke at the wrong time and spoiled the Bobcats' second league outing, leaving the red-and-white a hurting unit heading into a Friday, April 19 doubleheader versus DC.

The Cats, 2-5 overall (0-2 SJB�) prior to their Tuesday, April 16 varsity single

(completed after the Drum's deadline) versus Nucla, were beaten by respective scores of 12-2 in five innings and 7-3 in seven.

New Ignacio skipper Lupe Huerta had not yet reported any individual stats from either game, but Dove Creek's Ken Soper reported his team's effort was led by 3-for-3 batting (including a double and a triple, and five RBI) by senior Klancey Krafka. Freshman Jordan Ernst went 2-3 with two ribbies in support of senior starter Dalton Randolph (W; CG, BB, 5 K).

The Dogs (now 6-4, 1-1) had been a "Receiving Votes" team in the Denver Post's coaches' poll for Class 1A going in, but were then outclassed in a 16-6 awakening at NHS, after having downed IHS.

Pitching a longer complete game for Chris Barry's Bears, senior Cody Carroll had to be patient for his run support to come. But led by

Kellen Gatzke's 4-for-4 effort, it finally did as – like DCHS before them – Dolores was able to break an early tie and then hold until the end on Gonzales Field at Joe Rowell Park.

"They got their three runs. ... It was like they'd get their runner on, then we'd make a bad pickoff throw," said Barry, who replaced the retired Jim Everin, "and they'd get their guy to second."

"Then they'd get another runner on, and we'd make another bad throw ... don't know what it was with our first baseman," he said. "And I think it was, like, three to three after three, and then we got our four runs."

Looking beyond DC's visit (11 a.m. first pitch), Ignacio's schedule continues with a non-league game at 3A Pagosa Springs on Thursday, April 25, and then a long trip for two circuit contests at NHS the next day.

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ing not been consulted with prior to kickoff whether he'd forego an early finish (no matter the score) in hopes of maximizing Ignacio's time against an opponent, but the team was audibly upbeat afterward and looking toward the future.

"We came together as a team, finally reached our goals," Bison said, "Communicate, defend ... I think we came out and did that."

No offsidess violations were whistled against either side until well into the second half, and the Lady Demons were only able to gain one corner offensively

as IHS showed improved discipline in the field. But with an under-the-weather Destinee Lucero still spelling goalie Nicole Williams (left LCL ligament sprain, patella injury), RHS quickly capitalized with Holvenstot striking in the second minute.

Freshman Sarah Pankow followed in the fifth, and Benasutti netted in the 11th and 18th as Ridgway carried a 7-0 lead – Holvenstot would total four goals and Benasutti three – into intermission, and starting keeper Alexis Dimpault-Darcy (three saves) was replaced

with field player Chiara Denghardt (one).

Lucero logged 15 total stops in her third straight appearance.

Standing 0-6 overall and in the 3A Southwestern, the Lady Bobcats' next upcoming match is slated to be at RHS on Friday, April 19 on the Lady Demons' new grounds.

Four o'clock SWL starts at Pagosa Springs (the Lady Pirates entered 3-3, 3-3) on April 16 and at Alamosa on April 18 (a weather-reschedule from April 9) were completed after the Drum went to print.

Tribal Member-exclusive Fitness Incentive
March winners



18 years and up
Robert Jefferson



3rd grade – High School
Gerald Howe

Both participants won a \$100 gift card to Sports Authority.
For information on how to win;
Call SunUte at 970-563-0214 and ask for the trainer's desk or stop by to talk to a trainer.

Tribal Council launches Health Center survey

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council is seeking tribal-member feedback on the future of the Southern Ute Health Center. The tribe mailed out a survey early in February with nine questions about what tribal members would like to see from their Health Center in the future, including whether the facility should be primarily a health clinic, a wellness center, or a hybrid of both.

The survey is also available online at www.southernute-nsn.gov/contact/healthsurvey. For more information, or to obtain the password needed to submit the survey online, call the Tribal Planning Department at 970-563-4749 or email mgomez@southernute-nsn.gov.

SUNUTE UPDATE

"To expand and improve the quality of life for the Southern Ute tribal members and surrounding communities by stimulating social, physical, emotional, mental, cultural, and spiritual growth through recreational activities."

TRI-UTE GAMES 2013

Events dates to be announced. Looking for athletes and coaches for the upcoming Tri-Ute Games. Games will be held here in Ignacio this summer. Sports: Basketball, volleyball, golf, archery, bowling, swimming, cross-country, ultimate warrior (triathlon), skateboard and hand game. Open to enrolled tribal members and tribal descendants, ages 9 to 18. The purpose of the games is to come together so our children can get to know each other better and to foster friendship between the

Northern Ute, Southern Ute, and the Ute Mountain Ute tribes. For more information please contact the SunUte Recreation at 970-563-0214.

TRIPLE WIN PROGRAM

Southern Ute tribal members: Enter to win a gift card every month for the next 12 months. You can enter the raffle if you work out in the gym or pool, participate in noon ball, or attend group exercise classes. Ages 10 and up. Tickets can be redeemed at the trainers' desk.

2013 LAKE CAPOTE RECREATION AREA SCHEDULE & FEES

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LAKE CAPOTE OPERATING SCHEDULE

Opening Day: April 11th, 2013
April 11th through May 5th
(Thursday through Sunday)

May 9th through September 8th
facility is open 24/7.

September 12th through October 6th
(Thursday to Sunday)

Closing Day: October 6th, 2013

*Lake Capote is regularly stocked with rainbow trout, brown trout, largemouth bass and catfish.
(Fishing Bag Limit: 3 trout, 1 catfish, 1 largemouth bass. All fish 16" or larger are catch and release only)*

Southern Ute Tribal Members receive discounted rates, elders & youth fish for free.

- Night Fishing when advertised
- More food items & fishing supplies available at Bait Shop
- 2013 Fishing Derby
\$2,000 of tagged fish in lake.
1st Prize: \$500
2nd Prize: \$300

2013 Lake Capote Permit Fees

Adult Fishing: \$10
Tribal Member Adult Fishing: \$4
Youth (12 and under) Fishing: \$4
Tribal Member Youth Fishing: FREE
Derby Permit: \$20
Tent Site: \$13
Tribal Member Tent Site: Free
RV Site (elec. & water): \$20
Tribal Member RV Site: \$10
Day Use (1st ½ hour free): \$3

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Each year, the second full week of April is dedicated to the men and women who serve as public safety telecommunicators.

Every day, many people depend on the skills, expertise and commitment of the Southern Ute Police Department's E-911 dispatchers. Our staff help save numerous lives by answering emergency calls; dispatching police, fire and emergency medical personnel; and by providing moral support and compassion to citizens in distress.

Associated with emergency response is self-control under pressure and critical decision-making within seconds. Many people don't stop to think about the faceless individual who answers the 911 calls until they experience an actual emergency themselves.

Therefore, please join us in conveying a big "thank you" to the often-heard-but-never-seen "first of the first responders," our 911 dispatchers and call takers.

We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank our Communication staff for all their hard work and their commitment to the community and citizens of the Southern Ute Reservation: Steven Herrera, Dolores Gallegos, Amanda Lucero, Ian Walter, Lucinda Tyler, Amber Albo, Sherryll Pinnecoose, Brenna Atcitty, Faren Burch and Jonathan Chavarillo.

We appreciate all that you do and all that you are. Thanks to each of you for your huge contribution to this amazing team!

*Julie Smith, Amelia Enriquez
and the staff of the
Southern Ute Police Department*

GOURD DANCE SOCIETY THANKS

The Four Corners Gourd Dance Society would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to those who contributed to the Cabin Fever Gourd Dance and Social Powwow.

Thanks to all gourd dancers, visitors, dancers and their families.

Thanks to the drum groups who sang for us: Alfred Wall (gourd drum/powwow), Luis Aragon (drum group), Tiffany Jones (drum group) and Reggy Lopez (drum group).

Thank you to the following who donated

cakes and time to the cakewalk:

Sheila Nanaeto (specials, cake walk), Ericka Atencio (specials, cake walk), Breanna Goodtracks (cake), Twyla Blackbird (cake and cakewalk), Bobbie Sage (cake), April Toledo (cake), Marquette Howe (cake), Denise Thompson (cake), and Lynette Sage and Leona Burch (cakes).

I would like to thank the following individuals and organizations that helped make our celebration a success:

Clarence Smith (master of ceremonies), Bruce LeClaire (arena director), Robert "Dude" Perry and family (food prep for the supper break), Raymond Curley (color guard, U.S. flag), Jim Newton (chairman, signed agreement/contract), Ramona Eagle (Tribal Council, donation of \$300 for dance specials and use of coffee maker), Bruce Valdez (Growth Fund, donation of \$2,000 for operating expenses), Heidi Doscher (Sky Ute Casino Resort, lodging at powwow rate), Kristy Gamanez, Precious Collins, Robin Duffy-Wirth, Arla Duran, Ian Twiss, Vernita House (SunUte Community Center), Marriisa Rocha, Eleanor Frost (Boys & Girls Club, groceries for feast and volunteer cleanup crew), Ace Stryker, Robert Ortiz (The Southern Ute Drum, preparation of flyer for distribution), Neida Ray (use of coffee maker), Jennifer Goodtracks (red and blue sewn bags for head gourd special), Gloria Frost (Elders Services, notification sent out to tribal elders, Ute Mountain Tribe and Northern Ute Tribe), Steve Whiteman, Lovvis Downs-Glass, Chris Olguin (Division of Wildlife Resource Management, donation of bison meat), Annabelle Eagle (Elder, \$60 donation for 12-and-under specials), The Patio Restaurant, 7-11, Ignacio Laundromat, Ignacio Community Library, Shur Valu, Waci-ci Trading, Ignacio Floral and Gifts, Ignacio Post Office, Walker's True Value, Fort Lewis College (Student Union, distribution of flyers on FLC Campus), KSUT (public service announcement), and KDUR (public service announcement).

We apologize for those who name we may have missed. You know who you are.

*Andrew C. Frost
Headman,
Four Corners Gourd Dance Society*



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The Council (left to right): Antonio "Tones" Herrera, Dmitri "Dreezy" Reynolds and Dshon "Tre" Lloyd with other members of Culture Shock Original and DJ Lo on stage at the Sidekick Lounge in Ignacio during an album release party on Saturday, April 13.

LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT

Rap group The Council debuts 'One Tribe One Nation' in Ignacio

*By Robert L. Ortiz
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM*

The Council celebrated the release of its debut album, "One Tribe One Nation," during a party Saturday, April 13 at Ignacio's Sidekick Lounge.

Rapping original songs, "Take Flight" and "Real Spit," which also featured Snoop Dogg, The Council proved they are a force to be reckoned with in the Native Rap genre.

The official release date was April 12. The group was awarded \$25,000 during Culture Shock Original's Native Rap Recording Contest, held earlier this year.

The Council — composed of Antonio "Tones" Herrera, Dmitri "Dreezy" Reynolds and Dshon "Tre" Lloyd — is a predominately Native American rap group from Ignacio. Its tribal affiliations include Southern Ute, Jemez Pueblo, Taos Pueblo and Sioux, as well as Chicano and African-American roots.

"It was exciting — to be amped up, everybody was feeling the music, heads bobbing, we were doing something right," said Herrera, the son of Steve R. Herrera Sr., executive officer of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

"It's amazing to be able to do something I've always dreamed about doing," Reynolds said.

"I liked it. We held our own," Lloyd said, adding: "We need to take it up a notch, go up from where are now."

The album features heavy-hitters in the rap scene, such as Snoop Dogg, The Game and TI. Producer John Gavone, a New York native, contributed to songs on the album. Gavone has worked with and produced tracks for The Game, Snoop Dogg, TI, Juvenile and 2Pac's The Outlaws.

Also producing was Scott



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Council members hold their debut album, "One Tribe One Nation," during the release party.

Storch, who has previously worked with Dr. Dre, Beyonce, 50 Cent, Nelly, XZibit, Eve, the Roots and Chris Brown.

Multi-Grammy Award winner Ed Stasium did the mixing and mastering of "One Tribe One Nation." Stasium is known for his work with Biohazard, Mick Jagger, Joan Jett, Living Colour, Misfits, Motorhead, Ramones, Ratt.

Gavone and Rueben "El Demonio" Roman, co-owner of Culture Shock Original, were instrumental in signing the group and putting the album together.

"I'm part of the community, I want to give back. We gave these kids an opportunity to do something," Roman said. "The family is important. This is their house."

"One Tribe One Nation" is available in more than 750 digital stores, including

iTunes, Amazon, Juno and Google Play.

"We want to be heard around the world, bringing our message to the Native Americans and anyone else who is struggling," Herrera said.

"We will be touring at the end of the month," Reynolds added, "and we hope to sell a lot of CDs and make some money."

Culture Shock Original is set to release another album, "Hellraisers," in June. It will feature The Council, Butch Kidd, Squozze, Blake Cerniglia, Melo, Reign, DJ Jdub, JT the Bigga Figga, Shifta, Don Cisco, Outlaw Ike Stockton, AJ, Ace, Kokane of Above the Law, El Demonio and more.

For more information on "One Tribe One Nation" or Culture Shock Original, visit www.facebook.com/CultureShockOriginal.

COMMUNITY GREETINGS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO A SPECIAL GIRL

Gracelynn Rose Thompson on April 17, 13. Wishing you love, Joy and Happiness thru all the days of your life! We all love you very much you'll always be in our hearts!

*Love,
Mom, Dad,
Kyle, Natelle, Krislynn,
Stew, CJ, Uncle Nate, Jared and Ethaniel*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GRACELYNN!

Enjoy your day, May God Bless you, watch over you, and keep you safe. Love you grand-daughter!

Grandma Zuni



HUGS AND KISSES FROM AFAR

Have an awesome day!

*Uncle Joe
and Auntie Felicia*

HAPPY 9TH BIRTHDAY EZEKIEL

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Where has the time gone? On April 26 you will be 9 years old! The time has not stopped or slowed down one bit. The reality is you are growing up, faster than I'd like, but there's no stopping you or time. You have grown to be a very smart, respectful, funny young man. Kandin is very blessed to have you as his brother because you are awesome and the best big brother in the world!
Ez, we are very proud of



you and all the things you choose to do. Thank You for being such a good boy all the time. You have matured

so much in the past year and just really grown up. You are so unique from the music you listen to too your style you are a one in a million. You're like a little man! But no amount of time will change the fact that you will always be my baby ;) Ez keep up the good work it will all pay off! We love you and hope you have a great birthday and get everything you want (Minus skinny jeans ... that's NEVER gonna happen but you can keep dreaming).

*Love
Mom, Dad & Brother*

NEW EMPLOYEES



Susan H. Gallop

Job title: Human Resources director

Job duties: Lead the HR team at the Permanent Fund in serving the needs of the employees and tribal members.

Hobbies: Heirloom plant gardening, hiking and camping.

Family: Husband Ken Goodwin; Mr. Lynx, Persephone and Demeter (three cats).

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SKY UTE CASINO

Casino to host 14th annual Non-Profit Money Booth

Staff report
SKY UTE CASINO RESORT

Fifteen nonprofit organizations from La Plata and San Juan counties will compete for their share of over \$20,000 on Thursday, May 16 at Sky Ute Casino Resort in the 13th annual Non-Profit Money Booth. Since 1999, when Sky Ute Casino Resort hosted the first Non-Profit Money Booth Event, nearly \$250,000 has been given to local charities to support a variety of worthy causes. Last year, selected organizations included The Arc of San Juan County, St.

Patrick's Episcopal Church, Mountain Middle School, Regional Substance Abuse Prevention Partners, Invent Now, San Juan CASA Program, Community Connections, Durango Friends of the Arts, Frontline Mission, Tri-County Head Start, PMS-Project Shield, Durango Food Bank, The Adult Learning Center, La Plata Youth Services and Violence Prevention Coalition of SW Colorado. A reception will be held in the John S. Williams Room from 6 to 7 p.m. to honor the selected organizations and present each with a \$500

check. The action will get underway at 7 p.m., when a representative from each organization will enter the money booth for 45 seconds to grab as much cash as they can! Applications are now available at the Sky Ute Casino Resort front desk. All applications must be turned in no later than 4 p.m. Friday, May 3 to be considered for admittance into the event. For further information or to have an application faxed or emailed, contact Marketing Coordinator Tracy Leppert at 970-563-1752 or tracy.leppert@skyutecasino.com.



courtesy Teresa Chee/SU Human Resources Dept.
Southern Ute Woodyard employee Carlos Herrera interacts with John Drebinger Jr. on stage.

YOUR TRIBE AT WORK

Visiting speaker addresses on-the-job-safety

By Teresa Chee
SU HUMAN RESOURCES DEPT.

Certified Speaking Professional John Drebinger Jr. visited the Sky Ute Casino Resort Wednesday, March 20 to discuss workplace safety with employees of the Southern Ute Growth

Fund and Permanent Fund. Drebinger spoke at the invitation of Dan Jefferson of the Red Cedar Gathering Co. His presentation, titled "Would You Watch Out for My Safety?", included many personal stories and addressed why employees should want to watch out for

others' safety, how to do it, and some reasons they don't. Throughout the presentation, Drebinger involved audience members with magic tricks that kept the crowd lively and laughing. There were more than 100 attendees represented in both the morning and afternoon session.

First diners try Willows



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Krista Red and Lori Todacheene (left) share conversation and a bite to eat in the newly opened Willows Café & Bistro at the Sky Ute Casino Resort on Wednesday, April 17. The restaurant — along with the Willows Baja Grille, which served food in the same venue — opened to the public Monday, April 15. The restaurant served 156 meals in its first night. Prior to opening, Shane and Melanie Seibel performed a blessing on the restaurant and its staff.

Croissants and pastries from locally renowned bakeries such as the Durango-based Bread and the Sundown Bakery are available at the Willows Café & Bistro.



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Field Operations Foreman – Aka Energy

Closing date 4/19/13

Maljamar, NM. Day-to-day operations of all field compression and associated equipment including the gas gathering systems. Ensure safety, compliance with all laws, regulations and permits. Works in conjunction with plant supervisors to minimize the impact of field-related activities on the plants inlet volumes.

Senior Engineering Advisor – Red Willow Production

Closing date 4/22/13

Ignacio, CO. Leads design, evaluation and execution of engineering plans and projects with little oversight from Drilling and Production Manager. Acts in the capacity of a Red Willow project manager for operated drilling and completion projects. Responsible for preparing the internal AFEs for the drilling and completion of well(s), the drilling prognosis, and for supervising execution of the project. Responsible for preparing annual development plans and associated capital budget forecasts. Works on area teams including Red Willow Production Company (RWPC) technical staff with regard to geology, land, permitting, engineering, marketing and accounting. Collaborates with RWPC Operations personnel to prepare well(s) for production operations including artificial lift and production facilities. Assists RWPC management, operations personnel, partners, and contractors as needed to implement and manage projects. Reviews both company operated and partner operated field operations, rig work, and well testing as needed. Serves as a technical resource/consultant for all drilling and completion projects across the company.

Plant Accountant I – Aka Energy

Closing date 4/22/13

Tulsa, OK. Processing contract settlements for natural gas plants and gas gathering-related activities. This includes detailed data gathering, verification, input, and system-based calculations of settlements to producers for natural gas and natural gas liquids. Also, responsible for monthly gas balancing. Works with both internal and external contacts to answer questions, prepare reports, and resolve issues related to the activities listed above.

Reservoir Engineer IV – Red Willow Production

Closing date 4/22/13

Ignacio, CO. Position requires skillful application of reservoir engineering, petroleum engineering and project evaluation skills. Works collaboratively with Basin Teams and partners to evaluate reservoir performance and optimize development and depletion plans for assigned areas. Utilizes appropriate risking techniques and economic analyses to optimize the quality of investments. Routinely post-appraises the commercial results of projects and develops appropriate adjustments to future plans. Maintains reserves inventory utilizing extensive knowledge of SEC, SPE, and Red Willow reserve booking practices. Prepares presentations of results for technical, commercial, post-appraisal and reserve evaluations.

Safety Manager – Aka Energy

Closing date 4/22/13

Durango, CO. Development and oversight of Health and Safety programs, policies and procedures for Aka Energy Group. Provides expert knowledge and skills to the organization to promote a compliant and positive health and safety culture. Ensures all health and safety laws and regulations are adhered to including Process Safety Management (PSM) requirements.

Construction Superintendent – Aka Energy

Closing date 4/26/13

Durango, CO or Tulsa, OK. Managing field inspectors and other contract labor and services and for providing construction management support for company construction projects including pipeline systems, compression facilities, processing plants and associated facilities. Ensuring application of, and compliance with, all company and Growth Fund safety policies and procedures. Ensures that company construction standards are followed.

Business Objects PeopleSoft Lead Architect – SU Shared Services

Closing date 4/30/13

Ignacio, CO. Under the general direction of the Application Development Manager, the Lead Architect develops and oversee the implementation of complex data warehouse solutions which extract data from multiple source systems including PeopleSoft Finance and Human Capital Management applications using SAP Business Objects Data Services toolset and Microsoft's SQL Server database toolset along with other data extraction and transformation methods as needed. The Lead Architect analyzes, maintains and develops reports and maintains SAP's Business Objects (BOBJ) and Budgeting, Planning, and Consolidation (BPC) systems, along with other source systems, such as PeopleSoft. The Lead Architect supports customers' business goals, assists reporting end users and Shared Services staff as needed in BOBJ and BPC operation and maintenance, including development, backups and disaster recovery as required to meet the information needs of the business.

PeopleSoft Senior Payroll Developer – SU Shared Services

Closing date 4/30/13

Ignacio, CO. Development and production support of PeopleSoft Human Capital Management (HCM) North America and related interface to General Ledger and Accounts Payable, providing enterprise-wide PeopleSoft Payroll technical support and consultation. Will focus on the technical view of the North America Payroll application with emphasis on the impact, implications, and functional/technical benefit of enhancements, as well as the design and implementation of customizations and fixes to the production system.

PeopleSoft Project Manager – SUSS

Closing date 4/30/13

Ignacio, CO. Leading the internal Shared Services FSCM and HCM projects. Creates and executes project work plans and revises plans as appropriate to meet changing business needs and priorities.

Sky Ute Casino Resort – Job announcements

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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Gaming Commission vacancy

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking two (2) Southern Ute Tribal Members to serve on the Gaming Commission for a three (3) year term. Applicants must possess the following attributes pursuant to the Regulation One of the Gaming Commission Rules and Regulations:

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- Have experience or expertise in regulatory matters or in administrative hearing procedures;
- Have the ability to observe restrictions

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• Submit an application form and a letter of interest explaining why the applicant wishes to be appointed to the Commission; and
• Undergo a background investigation.

Applications may be obtained at the Division of Gaming Office – Licensing in the West Wing of the Justice Complex, 149 County Road 517, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137. Applications and letters of interest are required to be turned into the Division of Gaming Office by 5 p.m., Friday, May 31, 2013. Any questions can be answered by the Division of Gaming at 970-563-0180.

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In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2013-0005-CV-NC

NOTICE OF LEGALNAME CHANGE

Ayona Maria Hight, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Ayona Maria Hight filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Ayana Maria Hight. As of April 1, 2013 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Ayona Maria Hight name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Ayana Maria Hight.

**Dated this 2nd day of April, 2013.
In the Southern Ute Tribal Court
Tasha Herrera, Court Clerk**

In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2013-0028-CV-NC

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

Isiah Athen Tucson, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Isiah Athen Tucson has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Isaiah Andreas Valdez. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than May 3, 2013 at 5 p.m. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

**Dated this 2nd day of April, 2013.
BY THE COURT,
Janie Herrera, Deputy Court Clerk**

SUCAP Board of Directors Mandatory Board Election

Southern Ute Community Action Programs, Inc. will be holding its biennial elections June 4; we are looking for community members who are interested in running for a seat under Category II on our Board of Directors.

Category II – those elected by the community at large, will fill 6 vacant seats. This is a two-year term.

If you have an interest in human services, non-profit organizations or like to be involved in new and exciting initiatives impacting your community – here's your chance!

The SUCAP Board of Directors meets once

a month and committees meet approximately every quarter. You must be 18 years old and reside within the Ignacio School District (11JT) and Southern Ute Indian reservation.

All nominations will be followed up by our office. The deadline for nominations is May 10. Please contact Naomi Russell if you are interested or know of someone who might be at 970-563-4517 or nrussell@sucap.org
Need not be registered to vote in La Plata County. This election is not sanctioned by voting laws in the state of Colorado, need only be 18 and reside within our service boundaries.

SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL CENTER & MUSEUM

The Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum in coordination with Fielding Graduate University. Interested tribal members and community member input is needed for an educational leadership and change research committee. SUCCM has approved of the director to work on this project involving "participatory action research." The committee will meet at the beginning and the

end of the study. Membership on the committee is voluntary and will be for approximately 18-24 months. The committee will evaluate SUCCM and discuss ideas that will help the museum be sustainable to preserve Ute traditions, history and cultural education programs. Please submit a letter of intent in person to SUCCM or by mail to P.O. Box 737, #95, Ignacio, CO 81137.

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FLY-FISHING

Small fish on the San Juan

By Don Oliver
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

An anonymous source has always told me that it's not the size of fish that makes a fun day of fly-fishing, it's the quantity.

I'm not sure I totally buy into that theory. But I do prefer to sit at the back of the truck at the end of the day and brag about catching a large number of small fish when my fishing partner can only brag about the one large fish it took him all day to catch.

Not long ago, several people asked me why there seemed to be an inordinate number of small trout in the San Juan River. To them, it seemed the numbers of big trout that would usually following behind them, like big labs eating the food in their shuffle, weren't as numerous.

Being the professional that I am, I realized some on-site investigation was needed.

It took this inquiring mind two trips to fish the San Juan, several phone calls, and multiple stream-side interviews to establish whether there really was a problem. I can say, after exhaustive research, there are lots of small fish and maybe fewer large fish.

I can also report the cause is aliens. Yep, they flew in one night after exercising their rights under Colorado's new marijuana laws, scooped all the big fish out, then returned home.

Colorado is a great state! The new law is attracting not only new tourists, but aliens that formerly lived in Roswell, N.M.

That makes a much funnier story than what's really going on.



After my two fishing trips to the San Juan, it was apparent to me more small fish were being caught than large ones. Further, the small fish were holding in large schools, eating anything that came their way.

Colorado is a great state! The new law is attracting not only new tourists, but aliens that formerly lived in Roswell, N.M.

The flies they were taking ranged from small dries to emergers fished just below the surface. When these schools appeared, it was a feeding frenzy that produced lots of fun-to-catch trout that were 10 inches or smaller.

Catching a big fish had the angler dredging the bottom using lots of weight and nymphs. And I didn't see many big ones taken.

After experiencing this, I did what any good researcher does: I asked someone

who knows the San Juan far better than me. I made a call to the New Mexico Game and Fish Department and talked with Fisheries Biologist Marc Wethington.

I was told in normal years, the department releases between 80,000 and 100,000 5-to-6-inch trout into the San Juan River. The release dates are in January, February and March.

This year, some of the fish were ready for release early. So in September and October, 40,000 stockers were released. The remaining 60,000 were released during the usual three-month period.

In addition to the above-mentioned 100,000 stockers, there were some holdover trout at other hatcheries. Those fish were released into the San Juan. That's what produced large numbers of small fish earlier than usual. Why this early release seemed to make the bigger fish disappear, I don't know. But the two events did happen simultaneously.

So there you have it. No aliens, just sound management by the Game and Fish Department.

Doing all this exhausting and time-consuming research, I did learn something else: All the fish stocked in the San Juan are sterile. I have no idea how trout are made sterile, but it could mean more fly-fishing — I mean "research" — is needed.


I was assured the sterile fish would grow to large sizes, just no babies from the existing hogs. With that new knowledge, I want to remind everyone to handle all the fish on the San Juan very gently. It takes a long time to grow big trout.

Watering the livestock



Ace Stryker/SU Drum


Range Technician Doug Krueger of the Southern Ute Range Division explains how water is pumped into a spring to feed cattle on one of the tribe's range units.



Southern Ute Youth Turkey Hunt

April 20-21, 2013

The Southern Ute Wildlife Division is facilitating a Youth / Mentor Turkey Hunt on Tribal lands on the weekend of April 20th and 21st, 2013. Our goal is to educate and encourage Tribal Member youth about hunting and outdoor activities on the Reservation.



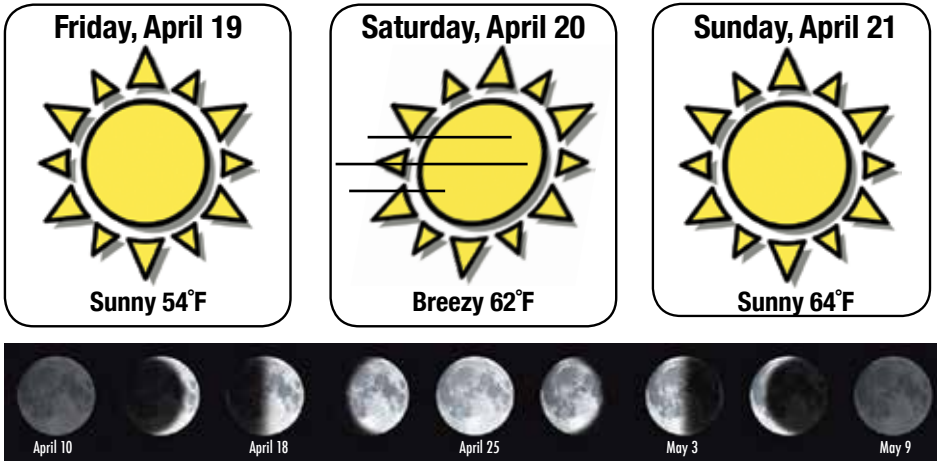
Requirements:

- ✓ 12 to 17 years old (after April 21st 1996 and before April 21st 2001)
- ✓ Passed Hunter Education
- ✓ Enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member

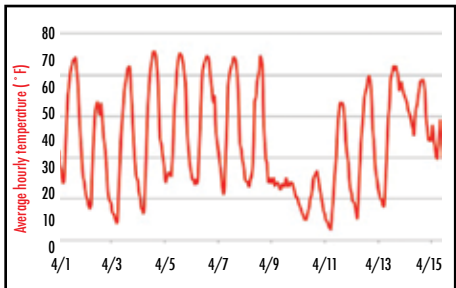
In addition, the Wildlife Division is interested in recruiting experienced adult Tribal Member turkey hunters to serve as mentors for the youth hunters.

Please contact the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at (970) 563-0130 for more information, to register, or volunteer.

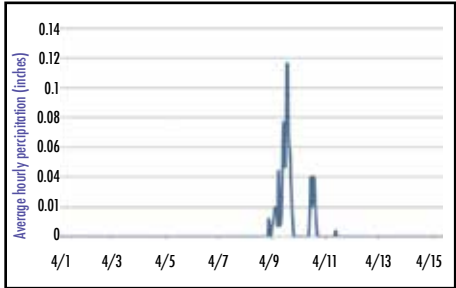
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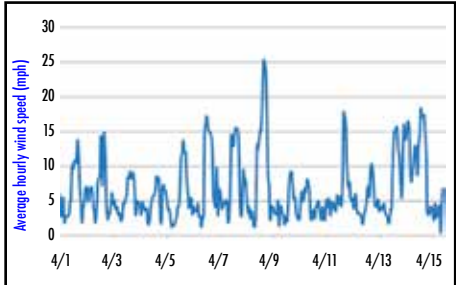
Weather data for April 1 – April 15



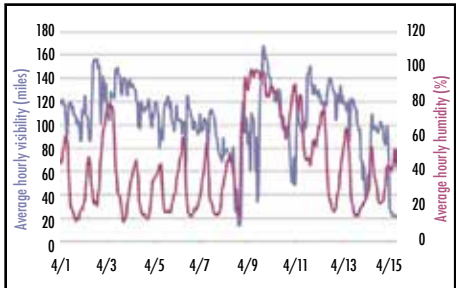
Temperature	
High	65.7°
Low	22.7°
Average	43.9°
Average last year	44.8°



Precipitation	
Total	0.96"
Total last year	0.38"



Wind speed	
Average	6.6
Minimum	0.4
Maximum	25.3



Visibility & humidity	
Average visibility	104.8
Average humidity	43.8%

Air quality	
Good	

Data compiled by Southern Ute Environmental Programs

Weather forecasts collected from www.NOAA.gov

YOUR HEALTH

Air quality precautions

Staff report
SU AIR QUALITY PROGRAM

The Air Quality Program advises that individuals with asthma, children, and the elderly reduce or eliminate their daily outdoor activity. This precaution is suggested due to elevated levels of particulate matter resulting from the low pressure front passing through the area

generating gusty winds. Particulate matter can stimulate asthma and/or increase the probability of asthma-like symptoms to individuals who are susceptible.

For more precautionary information, weather reports, and supplemental information, review the following website links provided by the State of Colorado Department of Public Health

and Environment (CDPHE) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).


CDPHE Air Quality Advisory website: www.colorado.gov/airquality/colorado_summary.aspx

EPA Particulate Matter - fast facts: www.epa.gov/airquality/particulatepollution/fastfacts.html

INVITATION TO ATTEND


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May 7 - 9, 2013
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10438 N. Fort McDowell Rd.
Scottsdale, Arizona
150 rooms have been blocked at a rate of \$119.00/night
For reservations call: (480) 789-5300 or (800) 333-3333
Mention: "Native American Fish and Wildlife Society"
Deadline to book your room: April 6, 2013
(A tax of 12.75% per room per night will be in effect at the time of check-in)

Conference Theme:

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEE: \$250.00
PRE-REGISTRATION and ON-SITE REGISTRATION
Make checks payable to: NAFWS Southwest Region

Poster Session: Agency and Tribal Exhibits

National Conservation Officer Shoot Competition

Native American Arts and Crafts Vendors

Fund Raising – Bring Your Donations For The Auction
Contact: Norman Jojola (505) 753-1451

FOR ADDITIONAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION
Contact:
Norman Jojola, Co-Coordinator – (505) 753-1451 or (505) 927-3494
Joe Jojola, Co-Coordinator – (505) 563-3408

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